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1. This morning in Bonn, Soviet Ambassador Smirnov informed Adenauer of "the steps which the Soviet Government planned to take to realize its aim of ending the occupation status of Berlin," according to a Soviet embassy statement.
 - A. No details are available.
 - B. This move furthers the Soviet effort to build up pressure on the Berlin question, and follows Foreign Minister Gromyko's statement on Monday to West German Ambassador Kroll in Moscow that Moscow's "final decision" was to cede its rights in Berlin to East Germany without further negotiation with the West.
 - C. Today's development suggests that the USSR will shortly release the "documents" promised by Khrushchev last Friday to justify ending four-power control of Berlin.
 1. Whether the production of these "documents" will be accompanied by a call for some form of multilateral talks or merely "notices" to the West is not yet clear.

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